

## COUNTY PROFILE

# Pine Co.

Pine Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 7E, which is located in the Central Planning Region.



## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

2022 population:	<b>29,446 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>45.9 years</b>
Population change, 2010-2022	-304 people -1.0% decline	state:	38.3 years

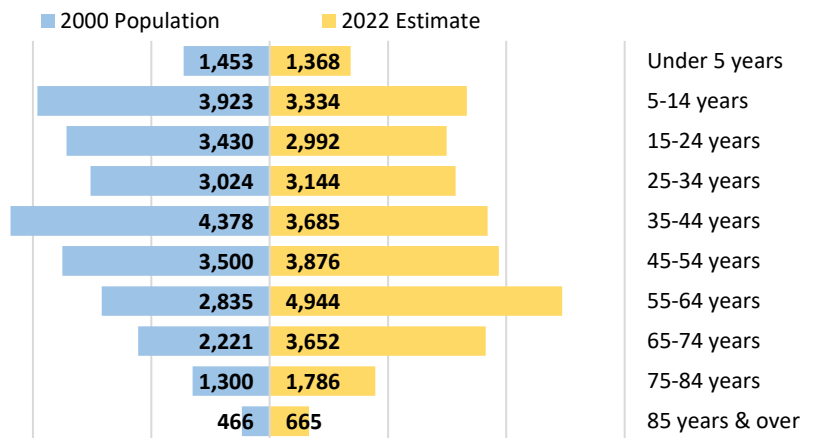
Pine Co. is the 37th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased over the past decade, ranking as the 55th fastest growing in the state from 2010 to 2022. Pine Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

**Table 1. Population by Age Group, 2022**

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	1,368	4.6%
5-14 years	3,334	11.3%
15-24 years	2,992	10.2%
25-34 years	3,144	10.7%
35-44 years	3,685	12.5%
45-54 years	3,876	13.2%
55-64 years	4,944	16.8%
65-74 years	3,652	12.4%
75-84 years	1,786	6.1%
85 years & over	665	2.3%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>29,446</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census Population Estimates, 2017-2021 ACS

**Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2022**



Pine Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2022, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Pine Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

**Table 2. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change, 2020-2022**

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Pine Co.	563	-262	577	839	798	14	784
State of Minnesota	10,680	26,917	144,350	117,433	-17,365	20,012	-37,377

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

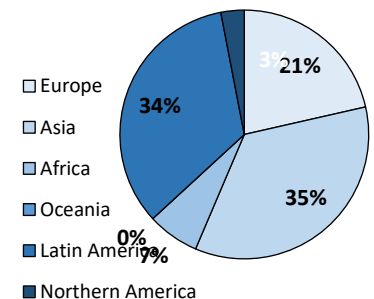
Compared to the state, Pine Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2021, Pine Co. saw a decrease in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

**Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2021**

	Pine Co.		Change 2010-2021		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>-4.7%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>30.6%</b>
Europe	92	21.4%	-87	-48.6%	9.4%	0.3%
Asia	150	35.0%	82	120.6%	37.0%	30.2%
Africa	29	6.8%	29	#DIV/0!	27.8%	89.8%
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	17.8%
Americas:	158	36.8%	-45	-22.2%	25.4%	6.8%
Latin America	145	33.8%	-16	-9.9%	23.0%	8.5%
Northern America	13	3.0%	-29	-69.0%	2.5%	-6.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

**Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2021**



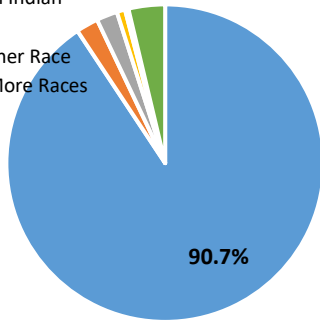
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Pine Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2011, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

**Figure 3. Population by Race, 2021**

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian
- Asian
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races



**Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2021**

	Pine Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2021	Percent	Change from 2011-2021
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,997</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7.4%</b>
White	26,295	90.7%	-3.5%	80.7%	0.4%
Black or African American	657	2.3%	4.8%	6.6%	42.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	619	2.1%	-28.1%	0.9%	-8.0%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	245	0.8%	49.4%	5.0%	35.8%
Some Other Race	102	0.4%	-45.2%	2.1%	66.5%
Two or More Races	1,079	3.7%	129.6%	4.6%	121.8%
Hispanic or Latino origin	878	3.0%	22.8%	5.6%	31.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

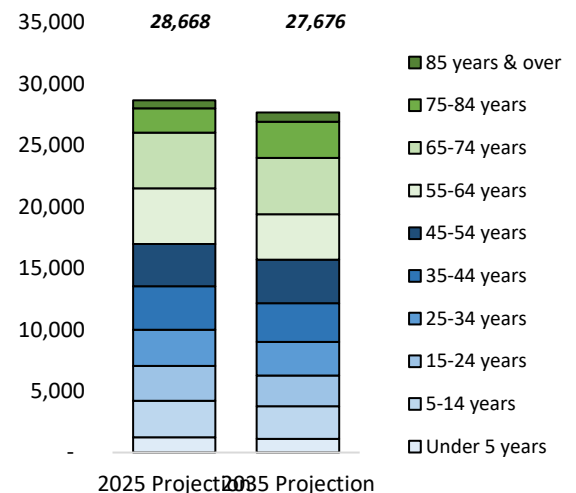
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Pine Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

**Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035**

Pine Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	1,233	1,110	-123	-10.0%
5-14 years	2,972	2,654	-318	-10.7%
15-24 years	2,839	2,490	-349	-12.3%
25-34 years	2,947	2,736	-211	-7.2%
35-44 years	3,546	3,154	-392	-11.1%
45-54 years	3,432	3,550	118	3.4%
55-64 years	4,516	3,686	-830	-18.4%
65-74 years	4,533	4,587	54	1.2%
75-84 years	1,998	2,952	954	47.7%
85 years & over	652	757	105	16.1%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>28,668</b>	<b>27,676</b>	<b>-992</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

**Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035**



## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Pine Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.8%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Pine Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

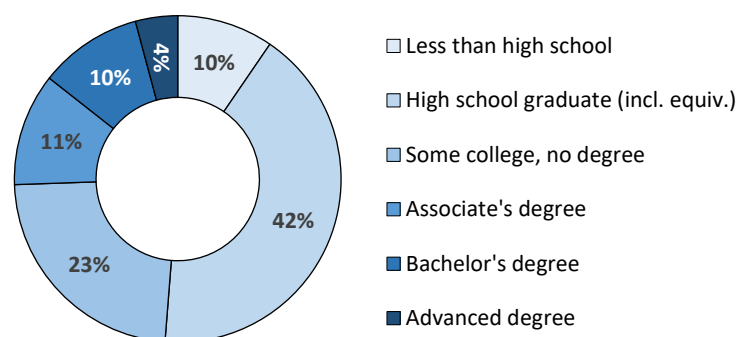
Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

**90.5%**

College-educated: **48.8%**  
state: 68.0%

Associate's Degree: **11.1%**  
Bachelor's Degree: **10.2%**  
Advanced Degree: **4.2%**

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2021**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

## LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 4.4%, Pine Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2022. After the pandemic recession Pine Co.'s unemployment rate decreased compared to 8.9% in 2020, and declined compared to the 5.8% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Pine Co. declined over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

**14,389** available workers

Labor Force change,  
2007-2022

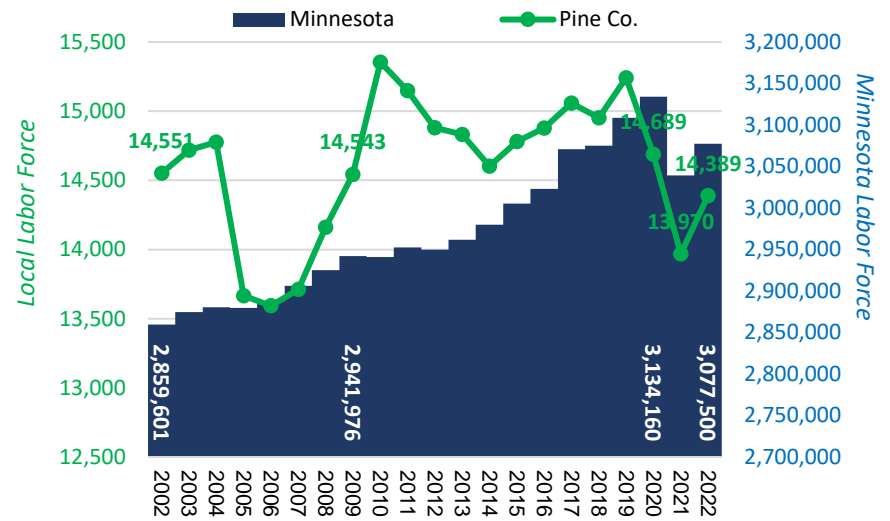
676 workers  
4.9% increase

**4.4%** unemployment rate

2.7% state

**633** unemployed workers

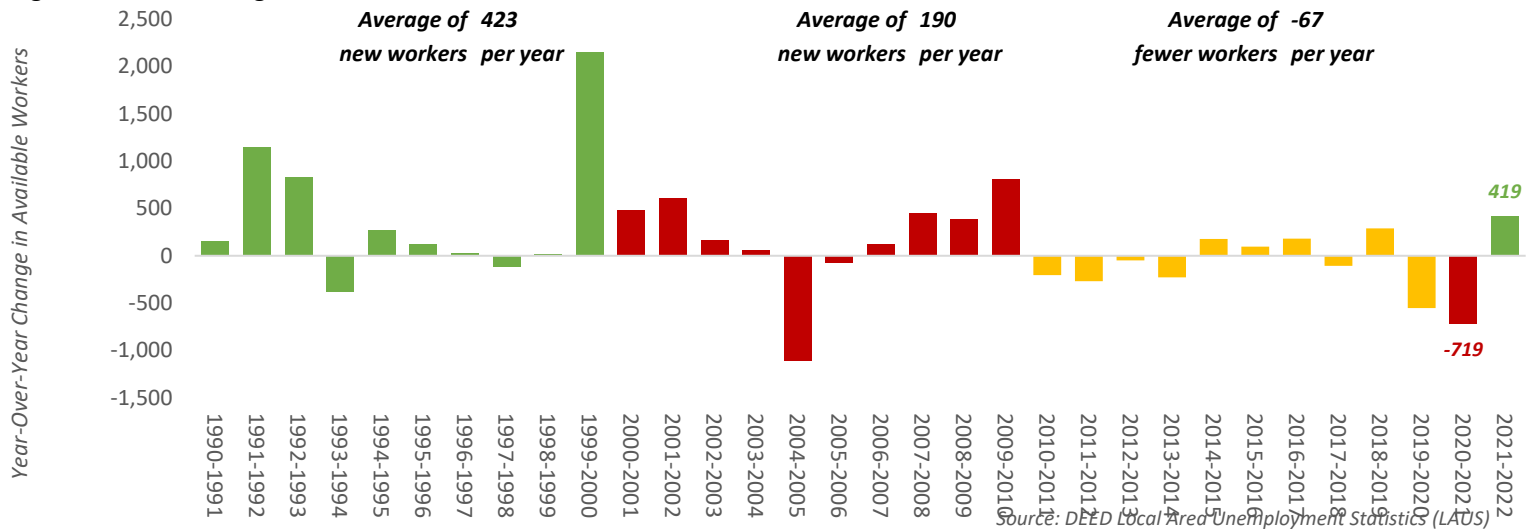
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of 422.5 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Pine Co. averaged an annual gain of 189.9 new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of -66.6 fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Pine Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2022



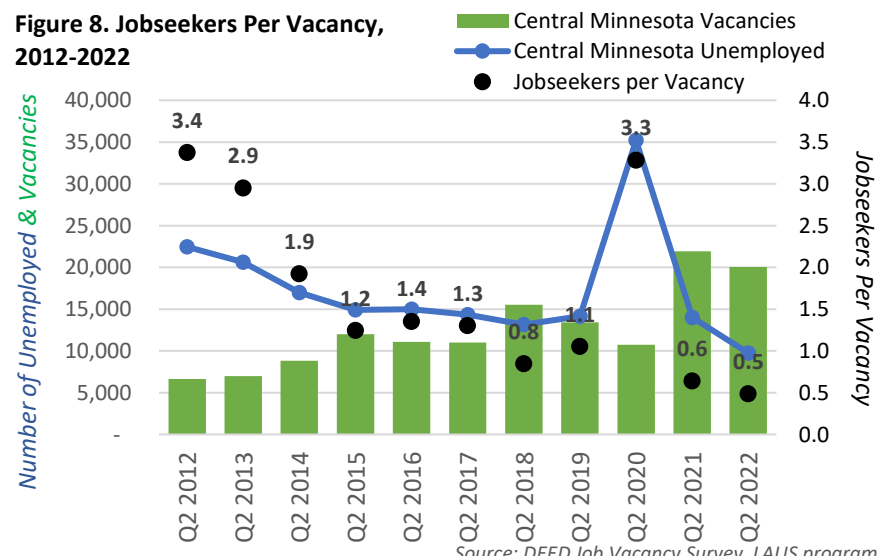
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	1,686	1,496
25 to 54 years	7,490	7,123
55 to 64 years	2,698	2,202
65 years & over	1,222	1,304
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>13,096</b>	<b>12,125</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2017-2021 ACS

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. Job vacancies in Central reached new highs in the 4th quarter of 2021, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers and 2022 showed the lowest jobseeker-per-vacancy ratio on record (see Figure 8).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2012-2022



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Pine Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Pine Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 82.6% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2021

	Pine Co.			Minnesota		Labor Force by Gender	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>13,585</b>	<b>56.6%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>69.2%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>7,282</b>	<b>6,293</b>
16 to 19 years	752	58.4%	8.8%	52.3%	10.7%	364	388
20 to 24 years	974	75.3%	11.3%	83.3%	6.7%	519	454
25 to 44 years	5,084	75.6%	7.0%	88.8%	3.6%	2,798	2,286
45 to 54 years	2,870	75.2%	5.1%	87.6%	3.0%	1,510	1,359
55 to 64 years	2,909	59.7%	3.5%	73.1%	3.2%	1,464	1,443
65 to 74 years	831	23.1%	7.0%	28.0%	3.2%	528	302
75 years & over	159	6.6%	0.6%	6.6%	2.9%	99	61

## Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin

White alone	12,659	57.6%	5.7%	68.5%	3.4%
Black or African American	178	30.1%	14.0%	71.9%	8.6%
American Indian & Alaska Native	167	40.6%	19.2%	57.4%	12.9%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	135	68.1%	2.3%	72.7%	4.1%
Some Other Race	65	68.4%	23.1%	75.8%	6.2%
Two or More Races	362	49.7%	11.9%	74.1%	7.3%
Hispanic or Latino	314	47.6%	22.6%	77.0%	6.6%

## Employment Characteristics by Disability

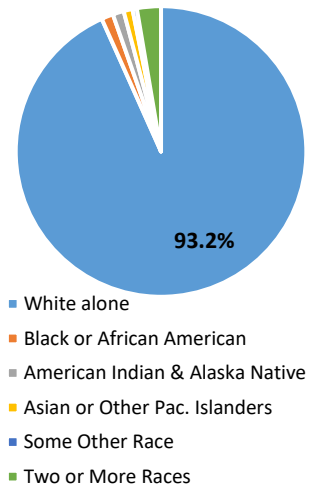
With Any Disability	1,211	48.2%	10.6%	53.6%	9.9%
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## Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment

Population, 25 to 64 years	10,865	70.5%	5.5%	84.4%	3.4%
Less than H.S. Diploma	594	50.7%	6.4%	66.6%	4.6%
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	3,885	62.8%	6.8%	77.3%	2.5%
Some College or Assoc. Degree	4,472	77.6%	4.5%	85.1%	3.6%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	1,908	83.3%	2.4%	90.3%	2.1%

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

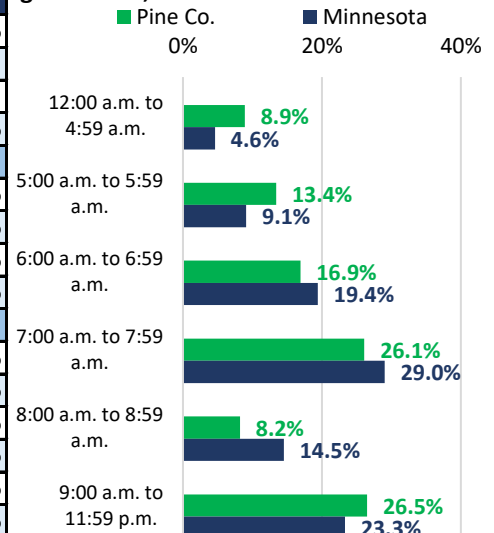
Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2021



A smaller percentage of workers in Pine Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Pine Co. also had a longer average commute time than the state.

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2021	Pine Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	12,233	98.5%	2,858,636	97.7%
Worked in county of residence	7,178	57.8%	1,922,337	65.7%
Worked out of county of residence	5,055	40.7%	933,372	31.9%
Worked outside state of residence	186	1.5%	67,296	2.3%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	10,978	88.4%	2,387,561	81.6%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	25	0.2%	81,926	2.8%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	397	3.2%	122,889	4.2%
Worked at home	1,031	8.3%	333,556	11.4%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	1,875	15.1%	465,223	15.9%
10 to 19 minutes	3,328	26.8%	895,335	30.6%
20 to 29 minutes	1,888	15.2%	649,557	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	1,975	15.9%	567,631	19.4%
45 to 59 minutes	1,130	9.1%	190,186	6.5%
60 or more minutes	2,211	17.8%	158,000	5.4%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>31.7 minutes</b>		<b>23.5 minutes</b>	

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2021



Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

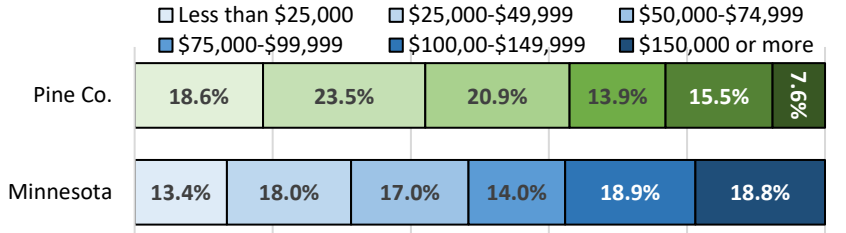
INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Pine Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Pine Co. had the 63rd highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income	\$59,840
state	\$77,706
Median Family Income	\$72,697
state	\$98,356
Per Capita Income	\$29,268
state	\$41,204

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey

Figure 11. Household Incomes, 2021



Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Pine Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$15.81 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$17.63 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2022									
Single Adult, 0 children	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Pine Co.	\$32,895	\$15.81	\$0	\$350	\$152	\$619	\$963	\$265	\$392
State of Minnesota	\$33,708	\$16.21	\$0	\$359	\$157	\$903	\$663	\$345	\$382
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child	Family Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Pine Co.	\$55,017	\$17.63	\$299	\$801	\$538	\$830	\$1,146	\$446	\$525
State of Minnesota	\$60,540	\$19.40	\$579	\$822	\$561	\$1,151	\$772	\$540	\$620

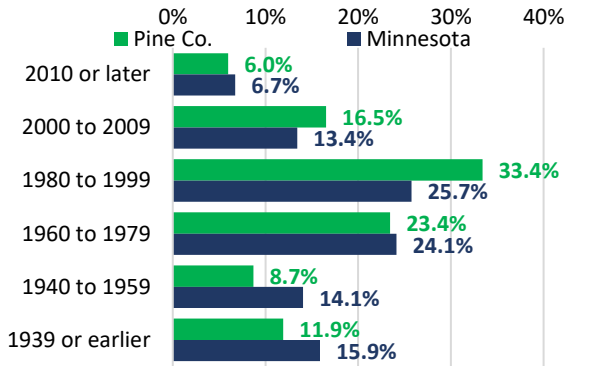
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Pine Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 44th highest value of the 87 counties in 2021. Pine Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2021	Pine Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	9,063	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	526	5.8%	4.3%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,101	12.1%	6.1%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,620	17.9%	9.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,848	20.4%	14.8%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,252	24.8%	28.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,317	14.5%	26.4%
\$500,000 or more	399	4.4%	10.2%
Median (dollars)	\$177,300		\$250,200

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

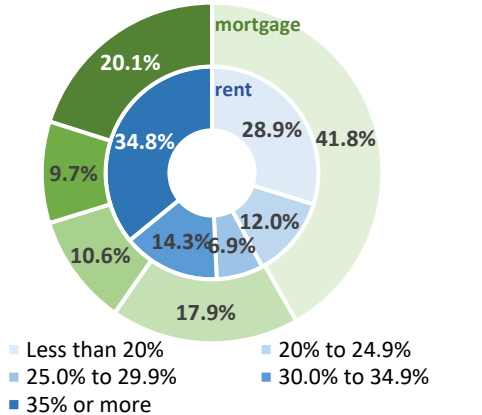
Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2021



Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage	\$1,367
state	\$1,682
Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs	29.8%
state	21.7%
Median monthly rent costs	\$812
state	\$1,081
Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent	49.2%
state	45.4%

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2021





## OCCUPATIONS

At \$22.48 in 2023, wages were lower in Region 7E than the state. Overall, Region 7E had the 7th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$45.02) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.99) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment &amp; Wage Statistics, 2023

Occupational Group	Region 7E				State of Minnesota		
	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>\$22.48</b>	<b>48,210</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$24.25</b>	<b>2,827,310</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$45.02	2,560	5.3%	0.8	\$51.58	193,760	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$33.54	1,560	3.2%	0.5	\$38.19	201,940	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$38.36	390	0.8%	0.2	\$49.73	99,250	3.5%
Architecture & Engineering	\$38.62	640	1.3%	0.7	\$40.60	53,100	1.9%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$33.22	360	0.7%	0.7	\$39.37	29,070	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$25.76	1,420	2.9%	1.5	\$25.82	54,820	1.9%
Legal	\$35.76	180	0.4%	0.6	\$47.87	18,730	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$25.34	3,650	7.6%	1.3	\$24.82	158,830	5.6%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$26.15	350	0.7%	0.5	\$28.80	37,630	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$40.05	3,150	6.5%	1.0	\$41.07	186,700	6.6%
Healthcare Support	\$17.90	3,310	6.9%	1.2	\$17.40	162,400	5.7%
Protective Service	\$29.98	1,280	2.7%	1.8	\$25.83	40,620	1.4%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.99	5,040	10.5%	1.4	\$14.89	216,970	7.7%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.03	1,340	2.8%	1.0	\$18.26	76,210	2.7%
Personal Care & Service	\$17.45	1,210	2.5%	1.2	\$16.96	58,120	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$16.26	4,790	9.9%	1.2	\$18.14	239,500	8.5%
Office & Administrative Support	\$22.25	5,020	10.4%	0.9	\$23.06	345,830	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$22.00	90	0.2%	1.3	\$19.84	4,060	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$29.51	2,850	5.9%	1.5	\$31.00	113,930	4.0%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$24.88	1,840	3.8%	1.1	\$27.95	98,670	3.5%
Production	\$22.26	3,720	7.7%	1.0	\$22.07	209,380	7.4%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$19.42	3,470	7.2%	0.9	\$19.80	227,780	8.1%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2023

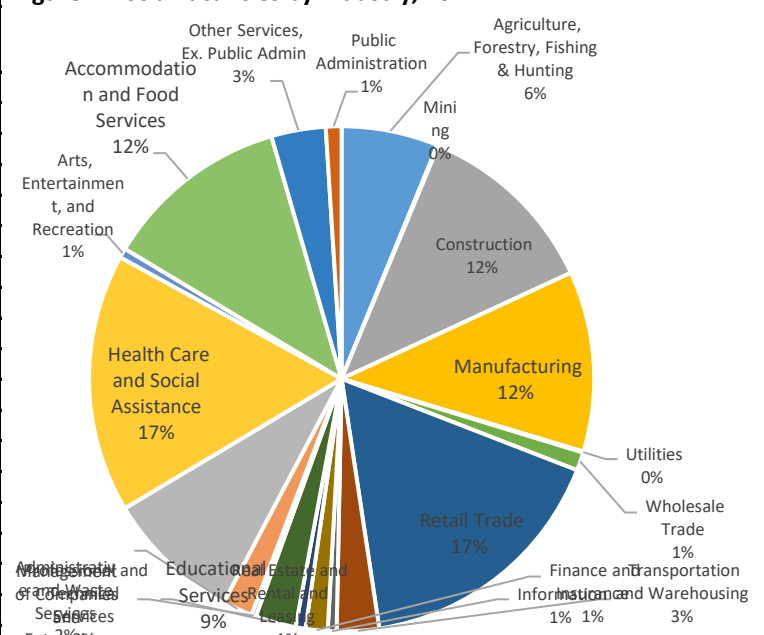
## JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Pine Co. is a part of the Central planning region. There were 20029 job vacancies posted by employers in 2022, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Central Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2022

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>20,029</b>	<b>\$18.05</b>
Management	320	\$39.17
Business & Financial Operations	202	\$27.62
Computer & Mathematical	171	\$23.54
Architecture & Engineering	158	\$24.47
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	621	\$18.79
Community & Social Service	254	\$23.73
Education, Training & Library	1,003	\$22.10
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,788	\$32.69
Healthcare Support	1,330	\$15.48
Protective Service	133	\$17.93
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,629	\$13.43
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	669	\$15.07
Personal Care & Service	650	\$14.19
Sales & Related	2,437	\$15.93
Office & Administrative Support	1,264	\$15.74
Construction & Extraction	1,479	\$24.86
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	620	\$22.53
Production	1,690	\$17.91
Transportation & Material Moving	1,845	\$20.33

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2022



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2022

## OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Central Occupations in Demand, 2022

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Retail Salespersons \$28,817/yr	Nursing Assistants \$36,077/yr	Registered Nurses \$84,325/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$58,958/yr
Fast Food and Counter Workers \$25,851/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$48,600/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$67,134/yr	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$64,053/yr
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$29,471/yr	Machinists \$53,178/yr	Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians \$55,350/yr	General and Operations Managers \$88,723/yr
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$50,278/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$44,146/yr	Dental Hygienists \$74,817/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$65,308/yr
Cashiers \$27,062/yr	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists \$34,024/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$69,032/yr	Construction Managers \$92,471/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$46,230/yr	Medical Assistants \$40,779/yr	Computer Network Support Specialists \$61,398/yr	Project Management Specialists and Business Operations \$61,390/yr
Stockers and Order Fillers \$29,612/yr	Computer User Support Specialists \$53,048/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$51,275/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health \$52,515/yr
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$35,947/yr	Electricians \$64,458/yr	Respiratory Therapists \$73,109/yr	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$62,214/yr
Customer Service Representatives \$35,525/yr	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers \$53,036/yr	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians \$36,602/yr	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$34,900/yr
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$33,541/yr	Industrial Machinery Mechanics \$61,862/yr	Library Technicians \$40,330/yr	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education \$38,097/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

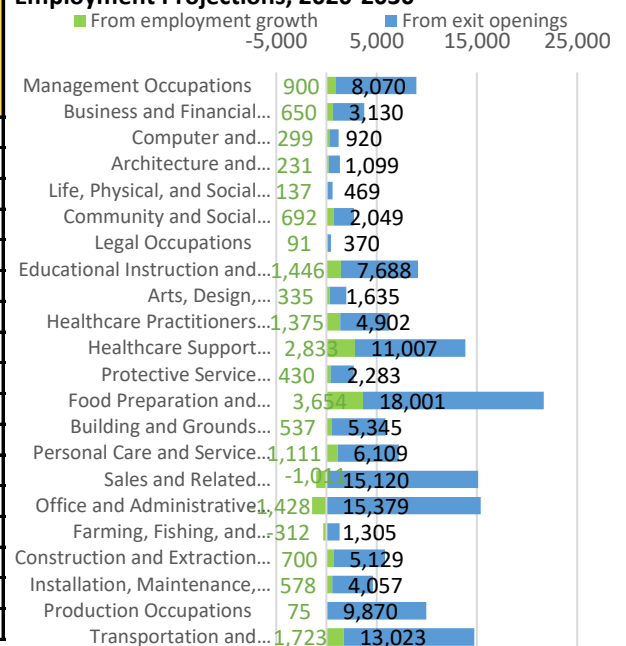
Pine Co. is a part of the Central planning region, which is projected to see a 5% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2020-2030

Central Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2020	Projected Employ- ment 2030	Percent Change 2020-2030
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>301,170</b>	<b>316,216</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	5,416	4,879	-9.9%
Utilities	1,952	1,686	-13.6%
Construction	18,984	19,792	4.3%
Manufacturing	39,543	40,646	2.8%
Wholesale Trade	10,123	10,516	3.9%
Retail Trade	35,588	33,781	-5.1%
Transportation & Warehousing	10,098	10,685	5.8%
Information	2,639	2,842	7.7%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	9,550	9,649	1.0%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	8,562	9,119	6.5%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	9,545	10,066	5.5%
Educational Services	23,734	24,976	5.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance	46,672	52,213	11.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	21,963	26,961	22.8%
Other Services	10,108	11,290	11.7%
Public Administration	19,239	20,198	5.0%

Source: DEED 2020-2030 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2020-2030



## ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Pine Co. had the 46th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Pine Co. was the 28th fastest growing in the past year and the 84th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2022, employment in Pine Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

707 business establishments

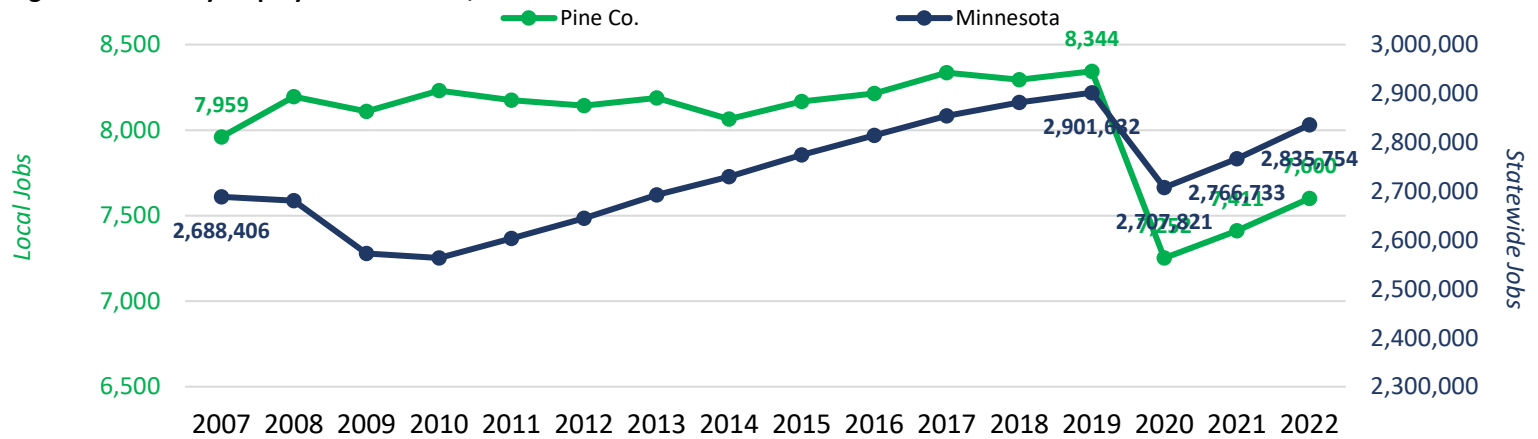
\$40,940 annual average wage

7,600 jobs

\$311,143,563 total industry payroll

Job change,  
2019-2022-744 jobs  
-8.9% decline

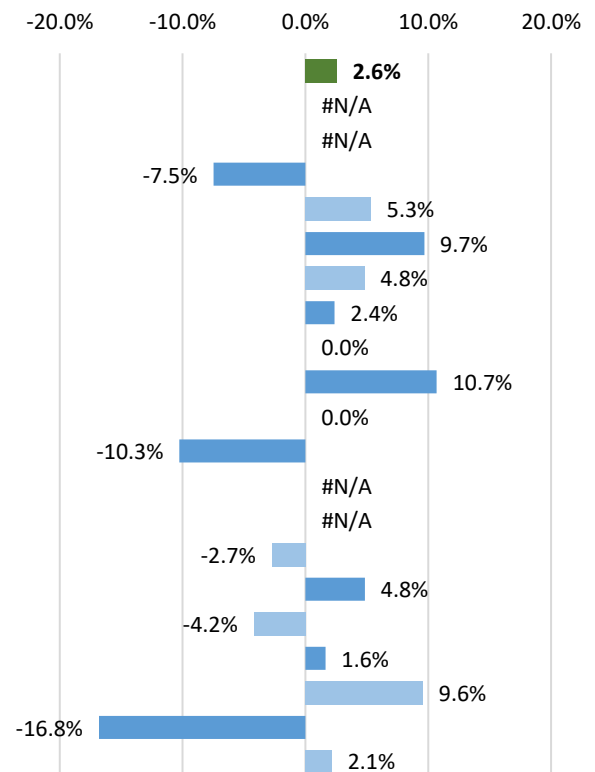
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2007-2022



Source: DEED QCEW program

Table 15. Pine Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2022	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$40,940</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	482	6.3%	\$53,315
Manufacturing	336	4.4%	\$50,935
Utilities	34	0.4%	\$92,265
Wholesale Trade	109	1.4%	\$36,898
Retail Trade	1,081	14.2%	\$30,526
Transportation & Warehousing	173	2.3%	\$44,948
Information	145	1.9%	\$59,717
Finance & Insurance	159	2.1%	\$53,387
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	35	0.5%	\$27,274
Professional & Technical Services	171	2.3%	\$12,855
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	177	2.3%	\$23,848
Educational Services	889	11.7%	\$46,073
Health Care & Social Assistance	774	10.2%	\$39,400
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	124	1.6%	\$24,304
Accommodation & Food Services	1,730	22.8%	\$30,762
Other Services	188	2.5%	\$25,016
Public Administration	810	10.7%	\$58,492

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2021-2022



Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment &amp; Wages (QCEW)

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